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The Honorable Harris Kilworth
Executive Secretary of the
President's Distinguished Civilian
Service Awards Board
U. S. Civil Service Commission

Dear Mr. Kilworth:

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In response to Secretary Mitchell's invitation to submit nominations for the President's Award for Distinguished Federal Civilian Service, I should like to record with the board the name of [REDACTED]. Unfortunately I cannot ask the board to act in this case because I am not free to disclose details concerning the operation referred to below. It is my belief, however, that it is in keeping with the spirit and intent of Executive Order 10-717 that [REDACTED] great service to national security be made known to the board at this time.

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[REDACTED] joined this Agency in November 1952 to become a member of the Board of National Estimates. In February 1954, recognizing that he had ranged in his thinking and interest beyond the scope of the Board's responsibilities and that he had developed a deep insight into the problems of intelligence procurement and analysis, I asked him to devote full attention to these matters. He left the board at that time and became a special assistant reporting directly to me.

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In this position [REDACTED] conceived, developed, and carried out a most important and productive intelligence operation. The nature, scope, and technical complexity of this operation cannot be given here. It involved, on Mr. [REDACTED] part, the identification of our most urgent need

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in the field of national intelligence, the creation of a daring and brilliant plan to meet the need, the development of the technical means to support the plan, and the establishment of an efficient organization made up of military and civilian personnel to carry it out. The scientists and engineers who worked with him are nationally known and their work was of critical importance. Yet in the determination of all of its parts and the welding together of the whole operation, [REDACTED] made the decisions. The operation was his creation in the sense that very few large enterprises are ever created by one man.

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[REDACTED] contribution to national security is of such magnitude as to warrant his consideration under the first of the criteria established by the Executive Order.

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[REDACTED] is not a career civil servant. However, he has spent many years working in important capacities in the Federal service. A review of his service would, I believe, support the view that he qualifies for consideration for the President's Award under the second of the criteria established by the Executive Order.

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It is my hope that at some future date we will be able to review with you the nature of [REDACTED] work and that it will then be possible to accord the recognition which he so richly deserves.

Sincerely,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

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